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Report of The Hualapai Adult Detention Center (Adult Jail)

The Hualapai Adult Detention Center is operated under the direction of the facility Director, Angela Chavez. She is assisted by the Assistant Director, Ann Querta. The administrative portion of the facility is composed of the Training Coordinator, Elizabeth Onken. The first part of May of this year we reclassified a position to a Lieutenant position and promoted Robert Quintero to the Lieutenant position who supervises the Sergeants and oversees the general operations of the Corrections and Kitchen portion of the department. There is a Program Officer, Bobby Havatone and an Administrative Assistant, Tasha Havatone.

We have three (3) Sergeants who oversee their shift, dayshift, swingshift and graveyard shift. Each Sergeant operates with a shift of up to six (6) Correctional Officers per shift. Officers work 4-10s, working four (4) days for ten (10) hours and off for three (3) days.

All the Sergeants have gone to the Indian Police Academy and received certification. Of twenty-one (21) Correctional Officers, fifteen (15) have graduated and received certification from IPA, the certification is mandated through our PL 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The remaining six (6) officers will attend IPA as scheduled by IPA staff. Three (3) of the six (6) to attend the academy are newly hired and have their applications submitted to IPA for selection.

Our detention facility houses up to forty (40) inmates, although on rear occasions we have housed more than forty (40), we can house eight (8) females but will house more than eight (8) depending on the condition of the female inmate and the charges.

From January 1, 2012 to present date our facility has detained a total of 569 individuals, some serving as much as one (1) year to some being detained for eight (8) hours. All sentencing on the defendants is from the tribal court. We honor all court orders, including temporary releases for a few hours or a few days. Anyone with a question on a court orders must address the question to the court.

Charges have varied from Public Intoxication, Domestic Violence, DUI, Aggravated Assault and Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Lawful Arrest and Child Abuse to outstanding warrants, most of the charges stem from individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Some offenders are under the age of 21.

There have been a few that have been detained and court ordered to other county or state and federal detention facilities.

Our kitchen staff consists of the Kitchen Supervisor, Lordina Sullivan and three staff members, Cooks and Food Service Workers. They also work on a rotating shifts, seven (7) days a week to provide three (3) meals for the inmates on a daily basis. Inmates do receive special meals on special holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Bobby Havatone, our Program Officer, has scheduled Library time for our inmates. Inmates do have access to law books including the tribal Law and Order Code to help them address legal issues with the court system.

Ms.Darlene Bender conducts AA meetings with the female inmates on Friday evenings and Bennett Jackson and Morris Samson, Jr., conduct AA meetings with the males on Sunday evenings. Family Group sessions with an inmate and his/hers significant other, including kids and parents along with a counselor. These sessions have proven to be a positive program to have the inmate and family member/s/ prepare for the return of the inmate once released from jail. Play items are provided for the kids.

There are counseling sessions with an inmate and a counselor. Counselors are from the Health Department and on rear occasions we will get a counselor from Mohave Mental Health to meet with a client that is incarcerated. Thank you counselors for taking the time to work with the inmates. Counselors are Dave Hougland, Charlene Childs, Paula DeNiCola, Mike Kufeld, Stacie Delaney and Danna Peterson. Our apologies if we missed anyone, it's not intentional, you are appreciated too.

Ms. Vivian Parker conducts GED sessions with those inmates that choose to participate in receiving a GED. Ms. Parker comes in on Tuesdays for the males and Fridays for the females. We appreciate Ms. Parker for taking the time to come to the jail and have classes with the inmates to prepare them to take the test one day and receive certification, which is equivalent to a high school diploma.

Domestic Violence meetings are conducted on Mondays with a staff member of Social Services. Elson Bender meets with the males on Domestic issues on Wednesday evenings..

Elson Bender also meets with the male inmates on Tuesdays on a new program, New Directions these sessions cover topics of personal life improvements such as accepting responsibilities and making positive changes.

Counselor Charlene Childs also conducts a program called Seeking Safety and does the Family Visits and One-on-One counseling.

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Leoita Suminimo comes in to the jail to meet with the females to conduct church sessions and Steven Havatone comes in to have a church session with the males.

Elaina Talyumptewa conducts the female sweats for the facility, she has been very busy lately but we should be due for a female sweat soon.

Ivan Bender has been conducting the male sweats, one was conducted just last week, (June 18, 2013) for the males. Thank you Elaina and Ivan for taking the time to conduct the sweats.

We have Athena Crozier that meets with the inmates on Healthy Heart issues, keeping the inmates and our staff healthy.

Vickie Aigner also makes sure our staff is healthy by meeting with our staff on the Be Alive & Fit Program.

Program Officer Bobby Havatone also receives written requests from departments and individuals for yard cleaning and other assistance, i.e., moving of furniture and other manual labor that the inmates will assist with. Once the inmates are out to work, they are not allowed visitation from family members or others. Inmates cannot receive food or drinks from family or friends. All work tools/equipment and water/drinks are furnished by the facility. The working inmates will always have an officer supervising them.

Visitation is on Saturdays and Sundays, visitors must call the jail to schedule a visit with an inmate. Visitation times are from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM and again from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, the times are for both Saturday and Sunday. All visitors must have a photo identification. Staff will make a copy of the photo ID to be filed with our records. All other requirements for visitation are posted throughout the detention facility.

Inmates fill out a Request Form for any needs they may have including medical care and legal representation. Medical appointments are made with Indian Health Service, some inmates need transportation to a personal doctor's appointment, our facility will provide the transportation. An inmate can request for a temporary release through tribal court for a serious medical purposes or to attend court at another court jurisdiction or any other justifiable reason to request for a temporary release.

Hualapai Adult Detention Center is committed to afford safe and secure housing for our inmates. We provide a structured and supportive environment for the inmates by providing all the programming listed above. We also promote individual pride and life learning skills through traditional and customary teaching and practices.

We strive to enhance self respect and spirit through cultural and spiritual experiences. Church and sweat lodge services are provided. Inmates make a choice on whether to participate or not. We are dedicated to encouraging personal responsibility, respect, integrity and humility.

Hualapai Adult Detention Center staff is committed to being some of the best detention facilities. Our Correctional Officers also must have a minimum of forty (40) hours of in-service training each year, which this facility provides the in-service training conducted by our department Training Coordinator.